

Follow up on the HLPW: Financing and Valuing

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 6

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



Financing water

Despite the strong economic case for investment in water, financing water has proven to be difficult:

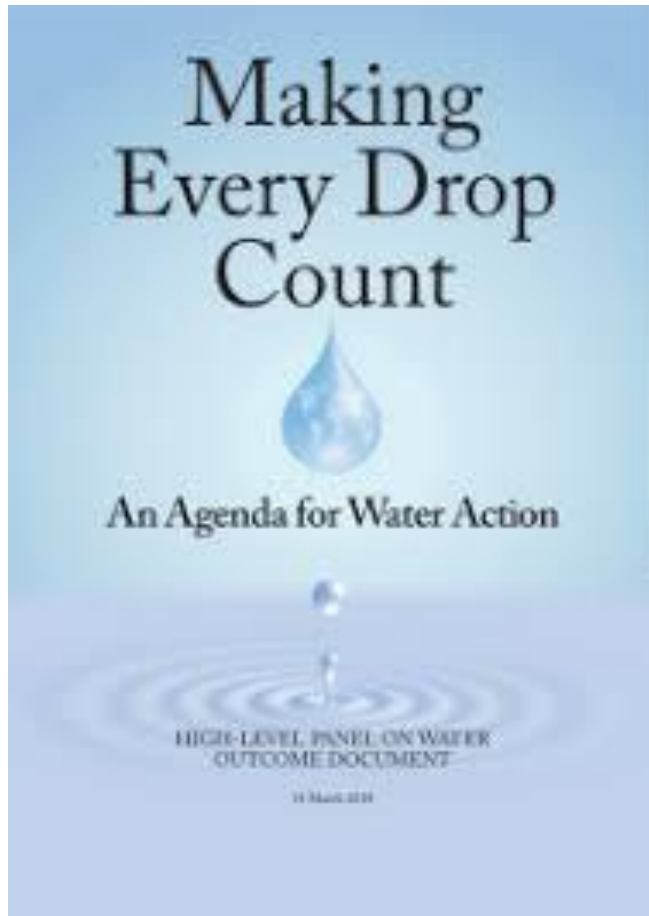
- Water is generally under-valued
- Water resources are often underpriced, resulting in poor investment recovery
- Water infrastructure is often capital intensive; high initial investments followed by long pay-back periods
- Many of the benefits of good water management cannot easily be monetized



For transforming to a water-secure world: the total financial needs between 2016 and 2030 will require additional annual investment of 500 billion dollar (OECD)



The High Level Panel on Water



*“To identify ways in which the world could **accelerate progress** towards ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (SDG 6) as well as contribute to the achievement of the multiple SDGs that also depend on the to development and adequate management of our planet’s water resources and thereby **achieve the 2030 Agenda**”*

A foundation for action:

UNDERSTAND WATER

Commit to making evidence-based decisions about water, and cooperate to strengthen water data, such as through the HLPW World Water Data Initiative.



VALUE WATER

Use the HLPW Principles on Valuing Water to sustainably, efficiently, and inclusively allocate and manage water resources and deliver and price water services accordingly.



MANAGE WATER

Implement integrated approaches to water management at local, national, and transboundary levels, strengthen water governance, and ensure gender equality and social inclusion.



The Valuing Water Principles

1. Recognize and embrace water's multiple values
2. Reconcile values and built trust
3. Value and protect the sources
4. Educate to empower
5. Ensure adequate investment

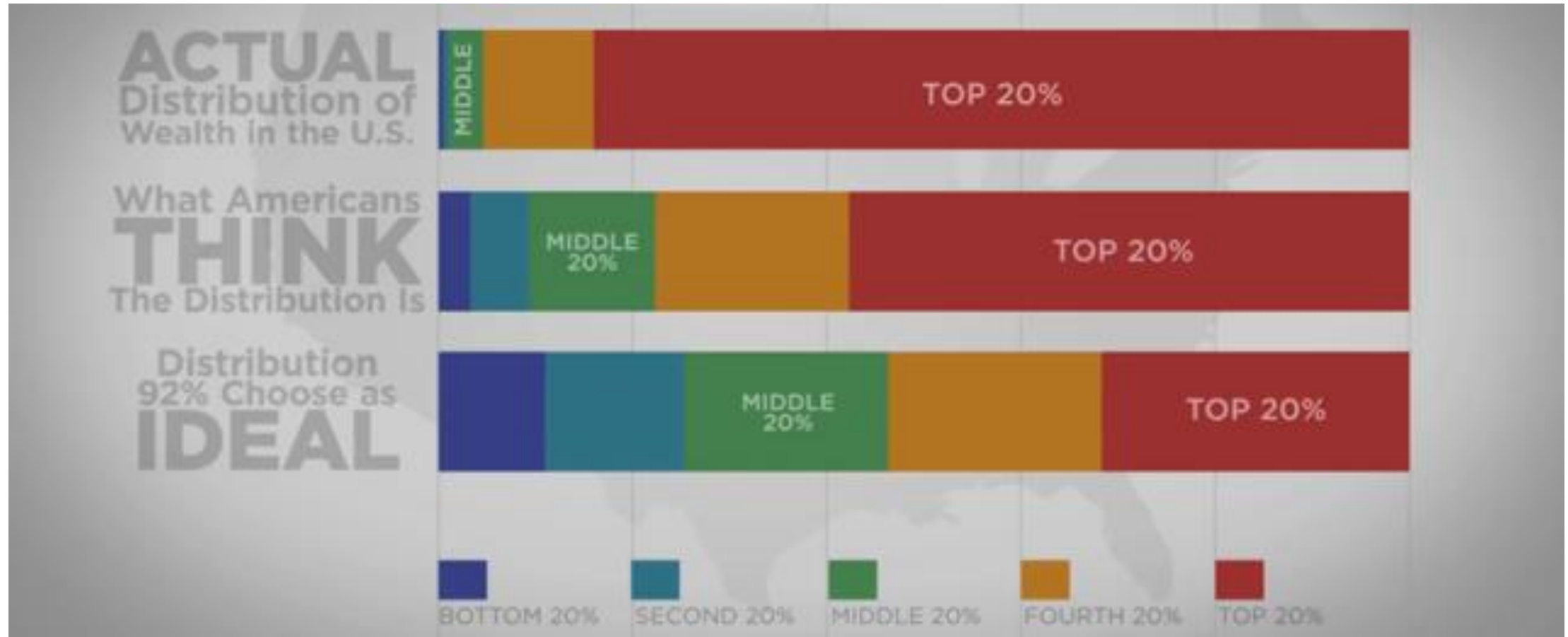
From commitment to concrete action



When, how and why will the trend be reversed?

What role can the HLPW principles on Valuing Water play?

The values-action gap



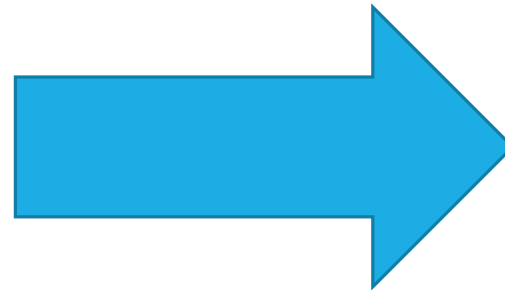
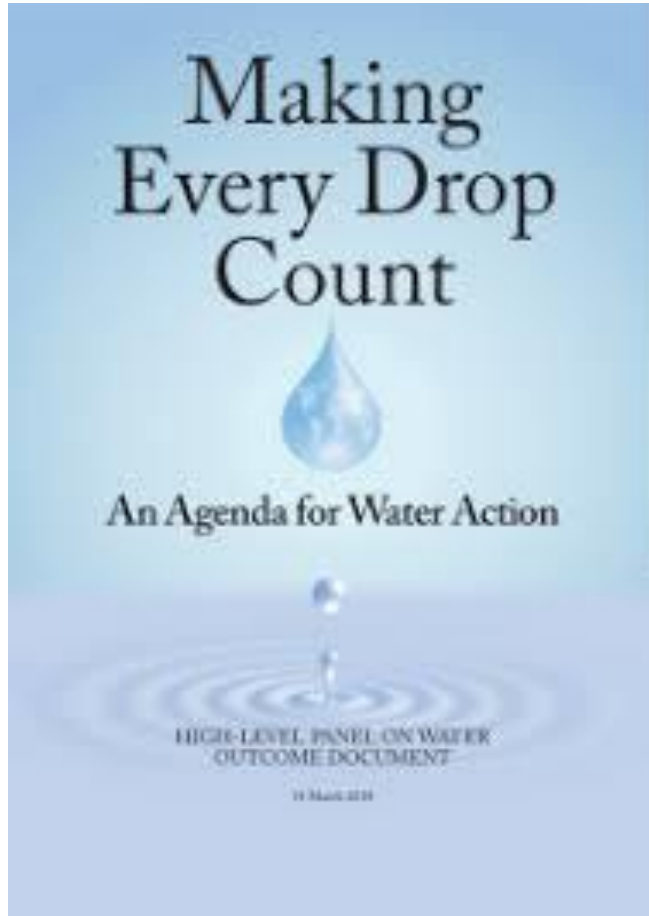
So, how can Valuing Water drive investment?



- Valuing Water can support:
 - Public policy
 - Corporate practice
 - Water resource allocation
 - Multistakeholder processes
 - Competing claims / trade offs
 - Service delivery and pricing
 - Investment decisions

→ **contribute to the enabling environment**

The way forward



**Valuing
Water
Initiative**

First draft work program:

1. Theory of change, institutional anchor, resourcing
2. Develop conceptual and organizational basis
3. Portfolio of cases across sectors/typologies
4. Values baseline surveys: 5 countries / 10 case studies
5. Mobilize capacity, develop guidance materials for cases
6. Share knowledge & promote learning, using existing platforms
7. Grow the valuing water community/movement

Building the movement:



Government of Bangladesh



Government of Peru



Government of Mexico



Government of South Africa



Government of the Netherlands



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And:



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...and growing,
who's next?

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